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1. LIAISON At request, I called Mike Hornblow, of the NSC staff, and relayed to him that neither the House Select Committee or the Senate Select Committee had requested the Post Mortem on the Mayaguez incident. He asked if it had been provided to Senator John Sparkman (D., Ala.) and I told him no, that we had written a letter to Sparkman suggesting that we brief him directly on the matter and had heard nothing since that time. I mentioned to Hornblow that Representative Dante B. Fascell (D., Fla.) had agreed to call off the GAO review of the Mayaguez matter at least as far as CIA is concerned. He said that GAO was still after the Post Mortem and he didn't know how to handle it. He said that since it was our document, how would we feel if he released it. I reminded him that since we provided it to NSC, that NSC had taken the position that it was now an NSC document and that had been the basis in the beginning of our refusal to give it to GAO. I also reminded him that it was our understanding that Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State, had put a hold on the Post Mortem. In view of this, Hornblow said that NSC would probably turn GAO down but that if a decision was made to give it to them, he would check with us first.

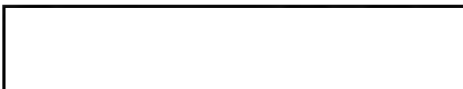
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2. LEGISLATION Called Hilda Schreiber, OMB, concerning press reports that the House Ways and Means Committee had decided to incorporate in its omnibus tax reform bill a provision repealing Section 912 of the Internal Revenue Code which excludes from gross income certain overseas allowances. She said she had just heard the news herself and was not sure what OMB or the Administration would do.

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3. LEGISLATION Talked to Hilda Schreiber, OMB, regarding our proposal to delete the one percent bonus in cost-of-living increases under the CIARDS system. Schreiber alerted me to a minor change required in the transmittal letters I had informally sent her last week. This change was made before the legislation package was forwarded to Mr. Cary.

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10. [ ] LIAISON In response to his query, told Mike Hornblow, NSC staff, that I was quite sure we had forwarded the Post Mortem on the Mayaguez incident to the Senate and House Select Committees but that I would check. I also filled him in on the agreement we had reached with Chairman Dante Fascell, Subcommittee on International Political & Military Affairs, House International Relations Committee, that we would not have to provide the material he requested to him through GAO but that we would do so directly to his Subcommittee.

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11. [ ] LIAISON Burton Wides,

Senate Select Committee staff, called and said not trying to end run [ ] Review Staff, asked if he could see me concerning certain material on electronic surveillance which we had pulled together for the Muskie Subcommittee on Surveillance, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, last year which was mentioned in an interview with John Warner, OGC. He asked if he could set up an interview with me to go into this matter explaining that his real interest is in getting to the data base that went into the report and he felt that this would facilitate his ability to be more specific in his request to the Review Staff resulting in a faster turn around time in response to his request. I told Wides that I did not think an interview with me was necessary and that either I or the Review Staff would be back in touch with him. [ ] was advised.

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12. [ ] LIAISON Tim Ingram, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee, asked me to call Chairwoman Bella Abzug (D., N. Y.) to set up an appointment for her to read the classified [ ] material.

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